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Dear Mr. Landino:

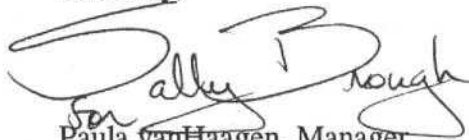
The Washington State Department of Ecology adopted revisions to their Water Quality Standards (WQS) at Chapter 173-201A WAC on November 18, 1997. These revisions were received by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review on December 9, 1997 and approved by the EPA on February 8, 1998. The revisions include substantive changes in toxic substances criteria, specifically changes in acute and chronic marine water copper and cyanide criteria.

The EPA approval of changes to Washington's WQS is considered a federal action and the EPA must comply with the Section 7 consultation requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). As part of this review, we are initiating consultation by this letter with the National Marine Fisheries Service, under Section 7 of the ESA. I am requesting a list of threatened and endangered species under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service, including adjacent marine waters within the territorial sea based on the nature of Washington's action. We will be assessing whether this action has the potential to affect threatened and endangered species.

Enclosed is a preliminary listing of listed species in Washington. In addition to listed species, please note any proposed or candidate species that you feel merit consideration.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Roopa Karia at Karia.Roopa@epamail.epa.gov.

Sincerely,


Paula vanHaagen, Manager
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Enclosure

**Preliminary list of threatened and endangered species under the jurisdiction of the U.S.
National Marine Fisheries Service**

**1. Endangered and Threatened Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles Under the
Jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service That May Occur off the
Washington coast**

Marine Mammals

Humpback Whale	Megaptera novaeangliae	(E)
Blue Whale	Balaenoptera musculus	(E)
Fin Whale	Balaenoptera physalus	(E)
Sei Whale	Balaenoptera borealis	(E)
Sperm Whale	Physeter macrocephalus	(E)
Steller Sea Lion	Eumetopias jubatus	(T)

Marine Turtles

Leatherback Sea Turtle	Dermochelys coriacea	(E)
Loggerhead Sea Turtle	Caretta caretta	(T)

**2. Endangered and Threatened Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles Under the
Jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service That May Occur in The Puget
Sound**

Marine Mammals

Humpback Whales	Megaptera novaeangliae	(E)
Steller Sea Lion	Eumetopias jubatus	(T)

Marine Turtles

Leatherback Sea Turtle	Dermochelys coriacea	(E)
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3. Salmon, Steelhead, and Marine Fishes in Washington

Coho Salmon

Oncorhynchus kisutch	
Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia ESU	(Candidate)
Lower Columbia River/Southwest Washington ESU	(Candidate)

<u>Chinook Salmon</u>	O. tshawytscha	
	Snake River Fall-run ESU	(T)
	Snake River Spring/Summer-run ESU	(T)
	Puget Sound ESU	(T)
	Lower Columbia River ESU	(T)
	Upper Willamette River ESU	(T)
	Upper Columbia River Spring-run ESU	(E)
<u>Chum Salmon</u>	O. keta	
	Hood Canal Summer-run ESU	(T)
	Columbia River ESU	(T)
<u>Sockeye Salmon</u>	O. nerka	
	Snake River ESU	(E)
	Ozette Lake ESU	(T)
<u>Steelhead</u>	O. mykiss	
	Upper Columbia River ESU	(E)
	Snake River Basin ESU	(T)
	Lower Columbia River ESU	(T)
	Upper Willamette River ESU	(T)
	Middle Columbia River ESU	(T)
<u>Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout</u>	O. clarki clarki	
	Southwestern Washington/Columbia River ESU	(Proposed Threatened)